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## Neighborhood Cluster





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**Foxhall Crescents** Foxhall Village **Georgetown Reservoir Palisades Spring Valley Wesley Heights** 

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**Palisades** 

**Spring Valley** 

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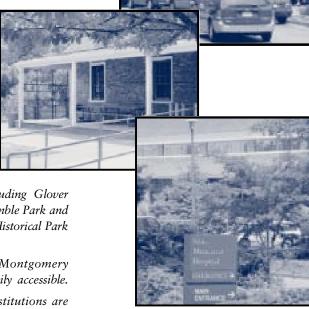
#### **Physical Characteristics and Assets**

Cluster 13 is defined by its attractive treelined streets, stable neighborhoods, and proximity to open space. From a historical perspective, the neighborhoods in this Cluster developed because of their proximity to the Georgetown seaport and C&O Canal. Many large farms and estates existed throughout the Cluster in the 19th century and several still exist today. As the city began expanding out along principal routes, such as Conduit Road (now MacArthur Boulevard) and Massachusetts Avenue, the area began to grow. The trolley lines, including the Glen Echo line, also brought development to the area, but it was not until the early and mid-20th century that most of the Cluster's neighborhoods began to take shape.

Today, the Cluster is primarily residential, and each neighborhood offers a different variety of housing. It ranges from large houses on large lots in Spring Valley to Tudor-style townhouses in Foxhall Village. The Cluster has few commercial areas, including three commercial areas along MacArthur Boulevard, one in Spring Valley at 49th Street and Massachusetts Avenue, and a small commercial area in Foxhall Village. Glover Archbold Park, Battery Kemble Park, and the C&O Canal National Historical Park and Trail are overseen by the National Park Service (NPS), which accounts for most of the Federal land use.

#### Key assets and features of Cluster 13 include the following:

- Neighborhoods offer sound housing stock and a strong real estate market.
- Cluster 13 has direct access to open space including Glover Archbold Park, Battery Kemble Park and the C&O Canal National Historical Park and Trail.
- Northern Virginia and Montgomery County, Maryland, are easily accessible.
- Major universities and institutions are nearby and accessible, including American University, GWU-Mount Vernon College, Georgetown University and Sibley Hospital.
- The Cluster is home to several of the region's best public elementary schools rated by test scores: Key School and Mann School.
- The MacArthur Boulevard commercial area offers a variety of retail opportunities for the neighborhood.
- Palisades hosts a Fourth of July parade every year, which is a 30-year tradition.
- Several active citizens associations exist, including one in Palisades and one in Foxhall.



#### **Recent Neighborhood Activity**

- Complete rehabilitation of the Key School by District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS).
- Acquisition and renovation of Mount Vernon College by GWU.
- Acquisition and expansion of the Cafritz Estate on Foxhall Road by the Field School.